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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Patent Application of MAIL STOP RCE Protomo Ishii Group Art Unit: 2624 Application No.: 09/845,349 Examiner: COLIN M LAROSE Filing Date: May 1, 2001 Confirmation No.: 2588 Title: **IMAGE PROCESSING FOR BINARIZATION OF IMAGE DATA**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE Customer Number 21839 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application and encloses the \$\infty\$ \$395 \omega\$ \$790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 冈 1. Α. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which B. continued examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed Other: 09/11/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000129 09845349 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission: 790.00 OP 冈 Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 09/11/2007 SZEUDIE1 08000128 09845349 Information Disclosure Statement 799-89-0P G1 FC+1801 -45.00 0₽ 冈 Petition for Extension of Time 82 FC:1252

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7.		Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least						
	, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.							
8.	\boxtimes	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.						
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